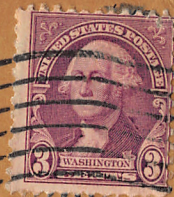
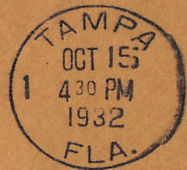


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Lesson 60

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Beloved Adhyapya:

Tonight I am just going to recapitulate some of the points that have been brought out in the preceding 59 lectures, for there is a Golden Thread running thru all of them, as it runs thru all of the Cults, Creeds, Religions, and the various Teachings which at one time or another have invoked the attention of Humanity. And this Golden Thread is Mind Power. Thought is the one Power at the disposal of each individual, available to improve his character, unfold his gifts, develop his possibilities, advance his interests, and attain his Ideals. It is the only Power that controls and directs all other Powers. Its importance, therefore, cannot be overestimated. This you were taught in the early lessons, and this point has been brought out again and again. Now, in these higher lessons you have seen that God, too, creates by Thought and controls His Universe by Thought; and that everything is the result of Thought. The whole World, and all it contains, is patterned after an invisible realm of Ideas. The Ideal precedes the actual, as the Abstract precedes the Concrete. Every object and thing is an embodiment of an idea, and a product of Mind Action. Effective Intelligence is a result of Thought.

All things in Nature, as you have seen, are in a process of Evolution, Thought being no exception. The Power of Thought, the quality of Thought, and the range of Thought embrace endless possibilities, and all Thinking, to be Scientific and true, should constantly promote the presence of Life, the growth of Thought, and the progress of Mind.

Modern Psychological Research demonstrates that the process of Thinking is the primary cause of much that takes place in the Life of Man. "As a man thinketh, so is he." As you deliberately improve your Thinking, you improve your Life; you develop your thinking and you develop your Life; perfect your Thinking and you will go far towards perfecting your Life. This principle forms the basis of the Golden Thread that links these lessons. Like all other forms of activity, the process of Thinking employs energy, and it is a natural Law that energy cannot act without producing effect. Therefore, in the past year or more, thru the adoption of these methods of thinking, you have improved your Life.

You realize, of course, from these lessons, that you exercise, in a smaller degree, the same Power as your Creator, differing in degree only, but the same in effect. And here we have a great Truth, the Power that Man exercises is identical with His Creator. Power is the ability to think, to create Thought, to form ideas, to express intelligence, to consciously understand and manipulate the Elements and Forces within and around you. This differs from Omnipotence in degree, not in kind.

In other words, Man is a God in the making. He uses the same Power in a small, limited, and imperfect fashion, but he will ultimately exercise it in a large, full, and more perfected measure. The real difference between Man in his present stage of Evolution and the Superb, Wonderful, and Glorious Being he is destined to evolve into, lies solely in the degree of his development, and that only.

Man is essentially a part of the Whole, and being a product of aeons of Evolutionary travail, he concretes, in his Inner Being, the Essence of all great natural principles, laws, Forces, and Intelligence in the Universe. Therefore, Man is a natural repository of Infinite possibilities. This extraordinary deduction has been established not only by Philosophical Inquiry, but by Scientific Analysis.

Man is constantly thinking; he can change his Thoughts, but he cannot stop thinking. His Power to think is inexhaustible, Mind Power flows thru him in an increasing stream, he does not need to manufacture it. Mind Power is Life in activity, and is Universal, like the air we

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breathe. All man has to do is simply to direct this Power into constructive channels and give it the proper expression. That is his prerogative and that is the stamp of the Divine in his nature.

It is a well known Scientific fact that no degree of Power can act without producing some kind of an effect. Of all the forms of Energy in existence, known and unknown, Mind Power is the highest that is conceivable. By the mere act of thinking, every individual is constantly producing effects, which are automatically registered on the hidden side of his nature, and then imperfectly into the physical Life. As a matter of fact, Man is a center of intelligence in expression and is naturally taking a real, live, and important part in the Evolution of Nature. And naturally in his undeveloped state he often blunders and errs and suffers by his mistakes, also because many of Life's conditions are rudimentary and imperfect; but he learns thru experience and eventually is able to employ his Thought Power to advantage, and to use it to construct his Life more according to the Ideal, thus speeding up his Evolution and improving and developing himself and his conditions.

As you have learned, Man is responsible to a great extent, speaking of this Life, and speaking of his past Life, he is entirely responsible, for the conditions in which he is placed. The mass of his conditions are the outcome of his modes of thinking and acting. He is a "natural born" Creator, using Nature's finer Forces all the time, his external conditions being the outward reflections of his inner creations. Whatever the individual Mind manufactures in the "Within" will, sooner or later, find embodiment in the "Without," in accordance with the Law of Expression. And therefore it is that I am so constantly impressing upon you the fact that everyone is molding Forces, shaping Life, and determining most of its experiences by and thru Thought.

As you have learned in the higher lessons, the whole Universe is a natural product of the Creative Thought of the Solar Logos, and Man embodies a portion of this Creative Power in his own Being. It is exactly the same in Essence, but infinitely different in quantity. But like all other Powers he possesses it can be developed and cultivated to an almost unlimited extent and applied in a large variety of ways. The application of Thought as a form of Energy is a startling proposition, but Modern Science has resolved all known forms of Energy into varying rates of vibration. Modes of motion have one primal element, as you learned in the third lesson, which, in the final analysis, is found to be Mind, and, therefore, Mind Power is the Fundamental Energy of the Universe, the Moving Force behind Creation.

Nature's most powerful Forces are those invisible to physical sight. We observe that in the Mineral Kingdom everything that appears to be solid and fixed; in the Vegetable and Animal Kingdoms all is in a state of flux and subject to perpetual change and renewal, while in the subtler spheres there is light, heat, and electricity. Each realm becomes finer and more ethereal as we pass from the visible to the Invisible.

So with Man, his most powerful Forces are invisible Forces. Thought is but one of the vibrations of Infinite Spiritual Energy in manifestation. Things, events, and conditions are all results, external and visible effects of interior, invisible causes set into operation by the process of thinking and the action of Mind Power. As Man grows in the understanding that Thought is Power and learns to direct and use it, new and rich resources will be placed at his disposal and he will not only take a long step forward in his Evolution, but will go far towards making his Life, even on Earth, the paramount of Beauty and Good.

In the Bonds of the Eternal Brotherhood.